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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final office action dated July 19, 2007 in the above-referenced patent application, along with a request for a two-month extension of time and the required fee based on large entity status. Applicants believe that no other fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. Nevertheless, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fee/underpayment of a fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Please amend the U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.